



By the King.

A Proclamation for the vse of the Bowe
and the Pike together in Militarie
Discipline.



Hereas in former times Bowes and Arrowes haue beene found seruiceable weapons for the warre, whereby great victories and conquests haue beene gotten, and by sundry Statutes the vse thereof hath beene entoynd, which Statutes are still in force, and wee expect that our Subjects should conforme themselves therunto, knowing the exercise of shooting to bee a meanes to preserve health, strength, and agilitie of body, and to auoide idlenesse, vnlawfull disports, drunkenesse, and such like enozmities and disorders, which are too frequent among Our people.

And whereas Our louing subject William Neade an ancient Archer, hath presented vnto Us a warlike inuention of the vse of the Bowe with the Pike together, whereby euery Pikeman may also bee a Bowe-man, which warlike seruice wee together with Our Councell of State, and Councell at warre haue seene exercised in Military Discipline, and wee doe approoue the same to bee seruiceable and vselfull in time of warre, And haue by Our Commission vnder Our great Seale of England authorized the said William Neade, and William Neade his sonne, whom hee hath instructed, to teach and exercise Our louing Subjects therein:

And to that end and purpose wee doe by this Our Proclamation signifie and declare Our will and pleasure, that the vse and exercise of the Bowe and Pike together shall bee put in practise within this Our Realme of England, and Dominton of Wales, that all Our louing Subjects who are fit to exercise Armes, and especially the chiefe Officers and all others of Our Trayned-Bands may bee instructed therein, by such wayes, and in such manner as



shall bee prescribed, and directed by the said William Neade, and William Neade, or either of them, and those whom either of them shall haue sufficiently instructed, and deputed in that behalfe, at such conuenient times and places as shall bee appointed by the Deputie Lieutenants, or Iustices of Peace in euery Countie, Maiors, Bailiffes, Constables or other head Officers in euery Citie and Towne Corporate respectiue, so that the same may bee done without preiudice or hinderance to generall Mustres, Traying, or other publike affaires;

Willling and requiring them, and euery of them respectiue, vpon notice giuen by the said William Neade, and William Neade, or either of them, or by such others as by either of them shall bee thereunto appointed, That they or some of them doe from time to time prescribe and appoint conuenient times and places for the exercise of this warlike seruice, and by warrant or such other wayes and meanes, as shall seeme most meet vnto them, to cause such of Our louing Subjects as aforesaid, to bee present at such time and place, there to bee exercised and made perfect in the vse of the Bowe and the Pike together in Military Discipline.

And that this Our Proclamation may take the better effect, Wee doe hereby require and command all and singular Deputy Lieutenants, and Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Bailiffes, Constables and all other Our Officers, Ministers, and Subjects whom it may concerne respectiue, That they and euery of them be ayding and assisting vnto the said William Neade, and William Neade, and persons deputed as aforesaid, in the exercise and performance of the premises, according to Our will and pleasure herein declared, as they tender Our pleasure and will auoid the contrary at their perils.

Giuen at Our Court at Oatlands: This twelfth day of August, in the ninth yeere of Our Reigne of England, Scotland, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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